(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up an amusement Park in Pune in the vicinity of National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla;

(b) whether Ministry of Defence has objected to this proposal;

(c) whether it is also a fact that a large number of trees will be felled to set up this amusement park; and

(d) whether permission of Environment Ministry has been secured for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) The Government of Maharashtra have informed that they have approved a proposal to set up an amusement/forest park in Pune in the vicinity of National Defence Academy, Khadakvasla.

(b) The Army authorities in Southern Command, Pune have raised certain objections with the Government of Maharashtra to the development of the Park in the vicinity of NDA on security and other considerations. The State Government have informed that in the light of the objections, the Commissioner, Pune has been requested to look into the matter and submit a report to the State Government and pending receipt of the report, no further activities are presently being taken up in the park.

(c) The proposed Park is to be located in Reserve Forest in possession of the Forest Department of Government of Maharashtra. The Government of Maharashtra have informed that not even a single tree is to be felled for creation of forest Park.

(d) Ministry of Environment & Forests has informed that it has not issued any permission under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for setting up an amusement Park in Pune. The State Government have, however, stated that permission of Ministry of Environment and Forests is not required as this is a forest conservation activity.

Countries Voted Against India in the Election for Security Council

619. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the names of countries which voted for India in the election for Security Council;

(b) the names of countries which voted for Japan; and

(c) the countries which abstained from voting?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) to (c) As the voting is by a secret ballot, it is not possible to know with certainty, which countries voted in favour of India and which in favour of Japan. No UN Member State abstained from the voting.

Violence in Aligarh Muslim University

620. SHRI K. RAHMAH KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the violent incident that took place in Aligarh Muslim University recently in which one engineering student was killed in police action;

(b) whether any compensation has been announced for the victim's kin; and

(c) if any inquiry is to be done on the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) According to the Government of U.P., students of Aligarh Muslim University started agitation after the incident of food poisoning in SS Hall South on 29.9.96. On the intervening night of 1st/2nd October, 1996, a group of agitated

students became violent and indulged in arson and stone pelting. The Police had to resort to firing to control the situation, in which one student died.

(b) Ex-gratia of Rs. 1 lakh was paid to the father of the deceased student by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) The Government of U.P. ordered a joint enquiry by the Commissioner, Agra Division and DIG of Police, Agra.

Widening of National Highway No. 5 Between Vijaywada and Visakhapatnam

621. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to widen National Highway No. 5 between Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a need to make this sector of the National Highway No. 5, a four-lane Highway;

(d) whether any traffic survey has been done of the congestion of the Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam sector to enquire into future requirements; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to meet the transport requirements of users of National Highway No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following stretches of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam Section of National Highway No. 5 in Andhra Pradesh are covered under Asian Development Bank Assistance Scheme:—

(i) Km. 358/0 to 395/875 of Anakapalle-Visakhapatnam. (Already in progress)

(ii) Km. 3.40 to 13.00 of Vijayawada Eluru reach. (Yet to Start)

(c) to (e) No other stretches of Vijayawada Visakhapatnam section of National Highway-5 are included in the Eighth Five Year Plan/Annual Plan 1996-97 for four laning. Future requirements of four laning, in this section, will have to wait till the finalization of next Five Year Plan subject to overall priorities of the proposal and availability of funds therefor.

12.00 NOON

(The Deputy Chairman *in the Chair*)

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notification of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Port Wing)

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of Section 124 of the Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing):—

(1) G.S.R. No. 398(E), dated the 2nd September, 1996, publishing the Madras Port Trust Distraint or Arrest and Sale of Vessels (Amendment) Regulations.

(2) G.S.R. No. 452 (E), dated the 3rd October, 1996, publishing the Visakhapatnam Port Trust Dock (Amendment) Regulations, 1996.

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Notification of the Ministry of Home Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of Section 18 of the Central Reserve Police Force Act, 1949 a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Home Affairs Notification G.S.R. No. 392 dated the 21st September, 1996 publishing the Central Reserve Police Force (Medical Officers Cadre) Rules, 1996.

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